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FOR FAA BRUSSELS

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SUBJ: CIVAIR - BOMB ON BOARD BRITISH AIRWAYS AIRCRAFT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE BOMB FOUND ON A
BRITISH AIRWAYS AIRCRAFT JULY 23 WAS GIVEN TO THE FAA
REPRESENTATIVE BY MR. JIM WILKES, UNDERSECRETARY IN
CHARGE OF AVIATION SECURITY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE.

1. AT 1240 P.M., JULY 23, THE IRISH NEWS (BELFAST)
RECEIVED A PHONE CALL THAT A TIME BOMB WAS ON A BRITISH PLANE
WHICH WAS THEN ENROUTE FROM ALDERGROVE
AIRPORT IN BELFAST TO LONDON HEATHROW. THE CALLER SAID
THE BOMB WAS DUE TO GO OFF IN 15 MINUTES.

2. THE PILOT WAS NOTIFIED AND HE MADE AN EMERGENCY
LANDING AT MANCHESTER'S RINGWAY AIRPORT. THE PASSENGERS
WERE EVACUATED VIA THE EMERGENCY CHUTES.

3. AFTER 2 SEARCHES OF THE AIRCRAFT, THE BOMB WAS FOUND
IN A BROWN PAPER ENVELOPE 15 INCHES BY 9 INCHES IN SIZE.

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THE ENVELOPE WAS FOUND BETWEEN THE BOTTOM OF A SEAT

CUSHION AND THE WEBBING IN ONE OF REAR COMPARTMENT SEATS.

4. THE BOMB CONSISTED OF 1 POUND OF GELIGNITE, AN ELECTRIC DETONATOR CONNECTED TO A BATTERY AND A WRIST-WATCH. THERE ALSO WAS A SMALL BOTTLE OF INFLAMMABLE FLUID (PROBABLY PETROL). THERE WAS ONLY A 60-MINUTE RANGE ON THE TIMING MECHANISM.

5. FOR SOME YET UNDETERMINED REASON, THE BOMB FAILED TO DETONATE.

6. THE INVESTIGATION IS STILL IN PROGRESS AND ANY NEW INFORMATION WILL BE CABLED WHEN AVAILABLE. SOHM

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